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## **EITC announces major training agreement with INL**

Eastern Idaho Technical College (EITC) announced today (April 5) a \$1.35 million contract with Idaho National Laboratory to provide environmental, safety and health training to laboratory employees. The three-year contract starts July 1 and is EITC's largest single training contract.

EITC will manage, schedule and deliver the course training and be responsible for maintaining the course materials in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. The college will provide training in such areas as radiological controls, respiratory protection, medic first-aid, and packaging and transportation. Training will take place in classrooms and laboratories both on EITC's and INL's campuses.

EITC President William Robertson said, "We are pleased to join INL in this important mission. Clearly, our history of providing high-quality environmental safety and health education fits well with INL training requirements. The college looks forward to meeting the demands outlined in the new training partnership."

INL Deputy Lab Director for Management Juan Alvarez said, "EITC was chosen for several reasons. INL's training needs are an excellent match with the mission and capability of EITC. Our analysis has found it is more cost effective to subcontract with EITC than perform this work in-house at INL. Finally, contracting with EITC fulfills one of INL's goals to partner with educational institutions and support the local community."

EITC has a long history of providing ES&H training. In 1987, the college's ES&H program began offering regulatory, contractual and performance-based training in facilities that included classrooms, high-bay training areas, and chemistry and physics laboratories.

Ken Erickson, EITC Workforce Training manager, said, "Through our experience, we will provide INL with a systematic approach to training. EITC has enjoyed a long-standing partnership with INL and looks forward to continuing that relationship with this new contract."

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